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United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 997.

(Given pursuant to section 4 of the Food and Drugs Act.)

ADULTERATION AND MISBRANDING OF OLIVE OIL.

On or about February 16, 1911, the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, acting upon the report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed information in the District Court of the United States for said district against Coroneos Bros., alleging shipment by them, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about May 17, 1910, from the State of Pennsylvania into the State of Georgia, of 48 packages of olive oil which was adulterated and misbranded. The labels on these boxes contained the statements: "Olio Puro d'Oliva Garantito Torelli Brand Marca Registrata Pure Olive Oil," "Olio Puro d'Oliva Garantito."

Analysis of said product by the Bureau of Chemistry showed it to contain about 60 to 70 per cent cottonseed oil. Adulteration was alleged because a substance, to wit, cottonseed oil, had been substituted in part for the articles stated on the labels to contain pure olive oil. Misbranding was alleged for the reason that the labels were false and misleading in that they bore the statement "Olio Puro d'Oliva Garantito," indicating the contents of the package to be a pure olive oil, when in fact the said article was a mixture of cottonseed oil and olive oil.

The defendants pleaded guilty and were fined \$25 and costs.

JAMES WILSON,
Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *June 30, 1911.*

